

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Although less government regulation is what the founding forefathers wanted, they envisioned this country as a diversified place. Since the allotment of multiple-ownership, cross-medium control, and other similar schemes, the large corporations have monopolized the entire broadcast medium (call it the WalMart theory), causing the smaller stations to financially go bankrupt. This, like NAFTA and GATT have caused the economy to fail. Unfortunately, Pres. Bush and his policies haven't quite made their mark. because of such tariffs. Until we gain our independence, allow the 'little guy' to have an opportunity to compete, then the broadcast medium will never be competitive (look at Microsoft).